

Actions Speak Louder than Words

- I. We know the great commission was given to the apostles and fulfilled by them before 70 A.D.
 - A. Therefore, we are not surprised to find Paul's epistles void of any such instructions.
 - B. But we should be ready to answer any who might ask about our hope, and preparation for these questions begins with a holy heart before God (I Peter 3:15; Prov 22:17-21).
- II. Instead of talking a lot, we should live in a way to make the gospel attractive and desirable.
 - A. The Bible rule is even children are known by their doings, not their talking (Pro 20:11).
 - B. Jesus had taught early that good works will cause men to glorify our Father (Matt 5:16).
 - C. Husbands of unconverted women can win their wives without talking at all (I Cor 7:16).
 - D. Wives of unconverted men can win their husbands without talking at all (I Peter 3:1-2).
 - E. Any who say they believe are no better than devils, who believe and tremble (Jas 2:19).
 - F. Any who say they know God and do not keep His commandments are liars (I John 2:4).
 - G. The greatest complaint against Christianity is hypocrisy, which we must reject totally.
- III. See the great emphasis in the Bible about the importance of our actions beautifying God's truth.

- 2Sam 12:14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.
- Dan 6:4-5 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.
- Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
- Lu 23:14-15 Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: No, nor yet Herod; for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.
- Acts 25:7 And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.
- Rom 2:24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.
- Ro 12:17-18 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.
- 1Cor 10:32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God.
- Gal 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.
- Phil 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.
- Phil 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;
- Col 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.
- 1Thess 4:12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.
- 1Thess 5:15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.
- 1Thess 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.
- 1Tim 1:10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.
- 1Tim 2:9-10 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing

- godliness) with good works.
- 1Tim 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.
- 1Tim 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.
- 1Tim 5:14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.
- 1Tim 6:1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.
- Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine.
- Titus 2:5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
- Titus 2:8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.
- Titus 2:9-10 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.
- Titus 3:2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.
- 1Pet 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.
- 1Pet 2:15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.
- 1Pet 2:16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.
- 1Pet 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.
- 1Pet 3:1-2 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.
- 1Pet 3:16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.
- 1Pe 4:15-16 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.